

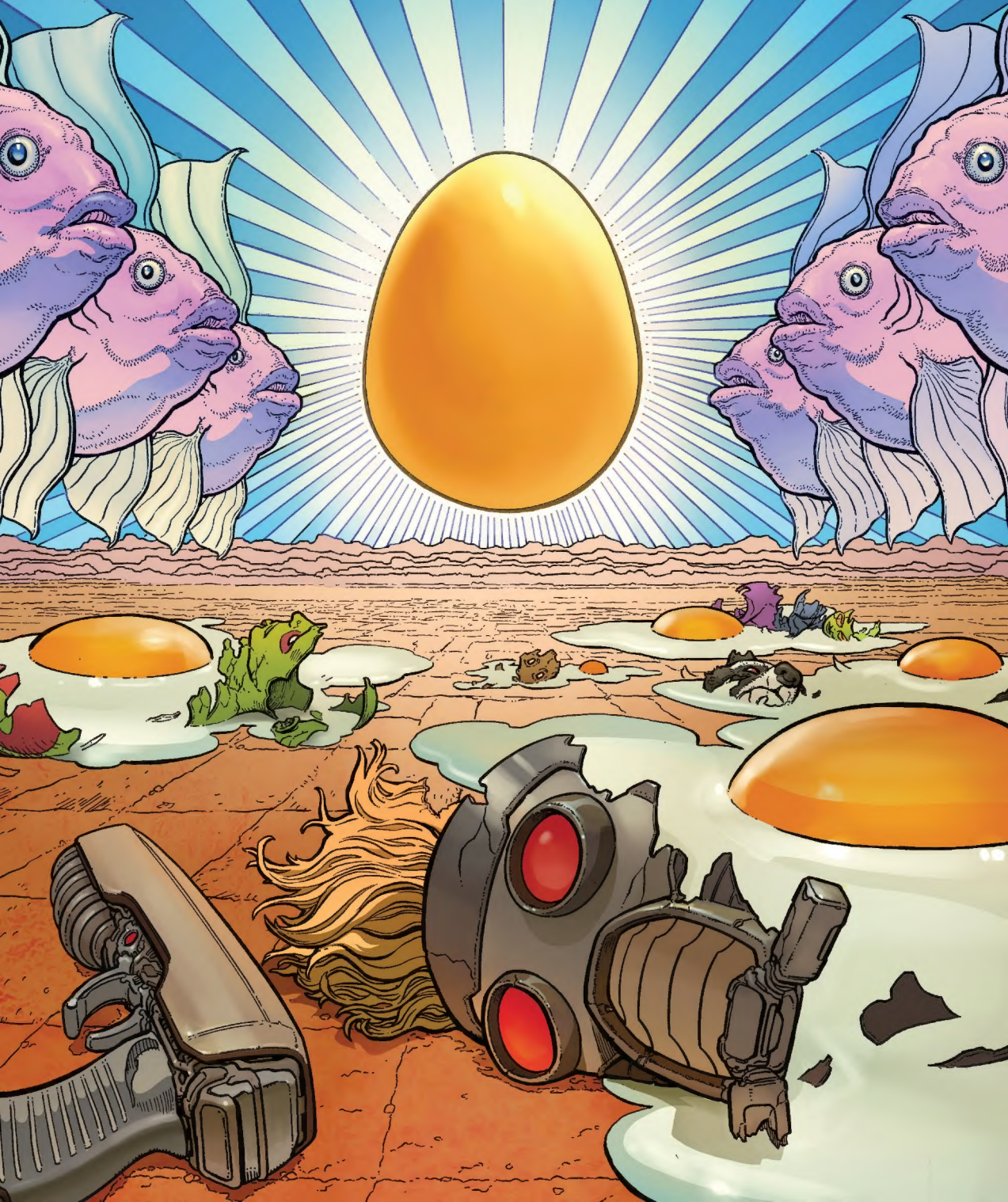
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GUARDIANS of the GALAXY





BLACK SHEEP, SCOUNDRELS, WEIRDOS: PETER QUILL--A.K.A. STAR-LORD--DRAX THE DESTROYER, GAMORA, ROCKET RACCOON, AND GROOT LEARNED TO LOOK AFTER THEIR OWN INTERESTS, THEN DISCOVERED THEY COULD NOT STAND BY WHEN THE UNIVERSE WAS IN PERIL. THEY HAVE NO OFFICIAL JURISDICTION, BUT IF YOU'RE IN TROUBLE (OR YOU'VE GOT A LINE ON A SCORE) IN THE MILKY WAY, YOU CAN CALL THE...

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in



*"The Lamb Lies
Down On Broadway"*

THE GUARDIANS REUNITED FOR ONE LAST SCORE, BUT WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN A SIMPLE SMASH-AND-GRAB QUICKLY DEVOLVED INTO CHAOS. GAMORA'S DESIRE TO OBTAIN THE SOUL STONE CAUSED HER TO DOUBLE CROSS NOT ONE, BUT TWO ELDERS OF THE UNIVERSE--LEAVING HER TEAM CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE.

AND TO FURTHER COMPLICATE THINGS, THE GUARDIANS ARE STILL DEALING WITH THEIR OWN PERSONAL ISSUES--INCLUDING GROOT'S INABILITY TO GROW...

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IS THE
ALCOHOL REALLY
NECESSARY?

YES. IT
HURTS TO
EXIST RIGHT
NOW.

I HAVE THE
FRAUDULENT
EGG THAT THE
GRANDMASTER
WANTS FROM THE
COLLECTOR.

LET'S GET
YOU THE REWARD
YOU CARE SO MUCH
ABOUT AND BE ON
OUR WAY BEFORE
THE GRANDMASTER
REALIZES IT'S A
FORGERY.

GUYS...



...I'M GLAD
WE HAVE THIS
CHANCE TO TALK
ALONE.

WE'RE
ABOUT TO TRY
AND PULL A FAST
ONE ON A **COSMIC**
ELDER--AN ANCIENT
BEING WITH ACCESS TO
ALMOST UNIMAGINABLE
POWER AND
TECHNOLOGY.

SO
WHATEVER
HAPPENS IN
THERE--LET
ME DO THE
TALKING.



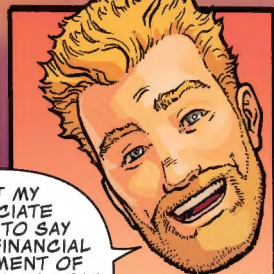
THE
EGG!

I'M
PLEASANTLY
SURPRISED. I
HAD FEARED YOU
WOULD FAIL.

HA! WE
GET THAT
A LOT.



NOW
WHERE'S
OUR FLARKIN'
MONEY?



WHAT MY
ASSOCIATE
MEANS TO SAY
IS THAT 'FINANCIAL
RECOUPMENT OF
OUR COSTS AND THE
AGREED-UPON FEE
WOULD BE MOST
WELCOME AT
THIS TIME.'



I HAVE
A QUERY: WHAT
DO YOU DO WITH
ALL THESE
PURPOSELESS
OBJECTS?



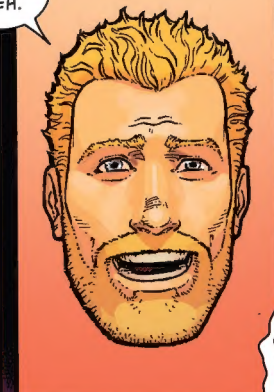
IGNORE HIM.
HE'S HAD MANY
SERIOUS HEAD
INJURES.



THE
EGG IS A
RUSE.

IT'S
EMPTY.

AH-HA-
HEH.



SO
WHATCHA
GOT, QUILL?
YOU GONNA
PRETTY-UP
GAMORA'S
MESS?



NOPE.
@##\$%
IT.



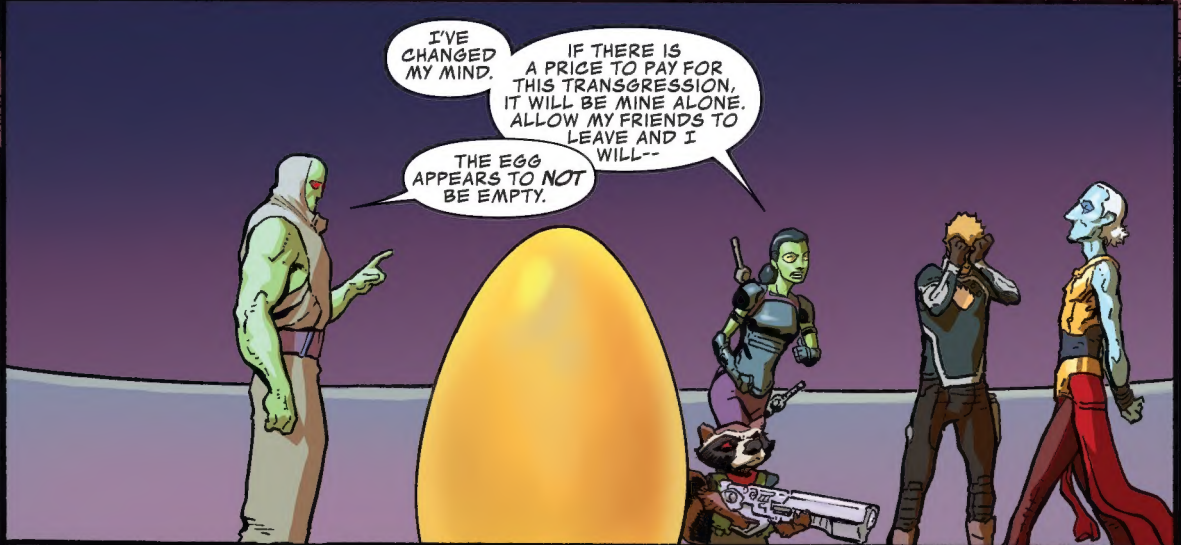
YES, I KNOW THE EGG IS NOT THE LAST MONARCH EGG OF THE MUJAHADAREEN SPECIES.



YOU DO?

YEAH, WHAT GAVE US AWAY?

WAS IT ALL THE "ADMITTING" WE JUST DID?



I'VE CHANGED MY MIND.

IF THERE IS A PRICE TO PAY FOR THIS TRANSGRESSION, IT WILL BE MINE ALONE. ALLOW MY FRIENDS TO LEAVE AND I WILL--

THE EGG APPEARS TO NOT BE EMPTY.



DUDE, EVEN I THINK THE JIG IS UP.

LET'S JUST GET **DISINTEGRATED** AND HAVE THIS OVER WITH!

**SURPRISE,
BROTHER!**

WHUDD

YOU
STOLE
FROM ME--
TWICE!

BUT I
KNEW IT WAS
YOU--THIS ENTIRE
SAD AFFAIR HAD YOUR
NAME ALL OVER IT,
GRANDMASTER.

DRAX,
THESE TWO MIGHT
KILL US BY ACCIDENT
BEFORE THEY GET
AROUND TO KILLING US
DELIBERATELY.

I KNOW
YOU DON'T
SUPPORT VIOLENCE...
BUT SINCE THERE'S
NO WAY YOU CAN KILL
THESE GUYS...HOW
ABOUT SOME
PUNCHING TO STOP
THE VIOLENCE?

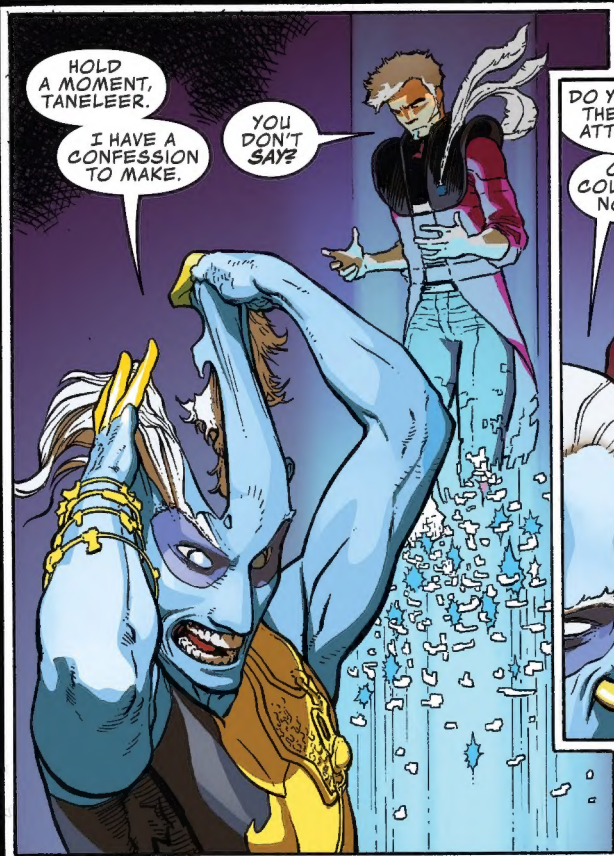
HUHN.

HEH-HAI!

**DON'T BE
VIOLENT!**



THEY SEEM
AMENABLE TO
DISCUSSION.



HOLD
A MOMENT,
TANELEER.

I HAVE A
CONFESSION
TO MAKE.

YOU
DON'T
SAY?

DO YOU DENY
THE THEFT
ATTEMPT?

OF
COURSE
NOT.



EVERYBODY
JUST CHILL! I
DIDN'T COME
HERE TO DIE!

I DON'T
THINK.

AND
YOU TWO
OLD, VERY OLD
FRIENDS DON'T
WANT TO KILL
EACH OTHER,
RIGHT?

RIGHT?



NO, PETER
QUILL, FAR
FROM IT.



BROTHER.
IT IS YOU.

HUH?!



THE UNIVERSE
HAS CHANGED.
DID YOU FEEL IT?
IT HAPPENED
IN A BLINK.

OUR REALITY
UNDERWENT A
RE-ORDERING ON A
GRAND SCALE, IN
SECRET, AND ALMOST
WITHOUT ANY
EVIDENCE.

NEARLY
EVERYTHING IS
THE SAME, BUT IT'S
ALL DIFFERENT NOW,
AND I DON'T KNOW
WHAT TO TRUST
ANYMORE.



I THOUGHT
THE BEST WAY
TO TEST YOU AFTER
THE REDESIGN OF
THIS EXISTENCE WAS
ATTEMPT TO MISTREAT
YOUR PRECIOUS
COLLECTION.

I USED THE
GUARDIANS AS
MY PAWNS, BUT
YOU HAVE REACTED
EXACTLY AS I
HOPED YOU
WOULD.

A
REASONABLE
TEST!



LET'S
GET THE
FLARK OUT
OF HERE.

GO
START THE
SHIP.



AT LEAST
ONE OF OUR FAMILY
HAS BEEN HARMED.
TATH KI IS NOT...WELL,
HE IS NOT AS HE
SHOULD BE.

THE
CONTEMPLATOR?

HAVE YOU
CALLED ON HIM
RECENTLY?

NO.
SHOW
ME.

WHOA.

THAT'S THE
MOST METAL
THING I'VE EVER
SEEN.



WHERE'S
HIS HEAD?

I CAN'T
SAY I KNOW.
HAS HE EVER
DONE THIS
BEFORE?



NOT
THAT I'M
AWARE.

AND HAVE
YOU CHATTED
WITH THE GARDENER?
THIS CAN'T BE A
COINCIDENCE.

WHAT
CAN'T BE A
COINCIDENCE?

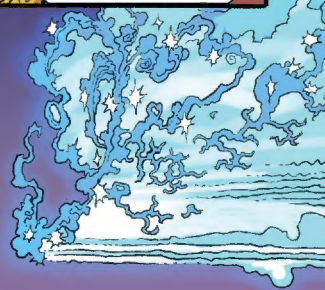
MAN, YOU
GUYS GOTTA
TIDY UP AFTER
YOURSELVES.



YER JUST
GONNA LEAVE
HIM THERE?

MAYBE
HIRE A
MAID?

WHEN I WAS
A KID, I THINK I
SAW A VAN WITH
YOUR BROTHER
PAINTED ON
THE SIDE.



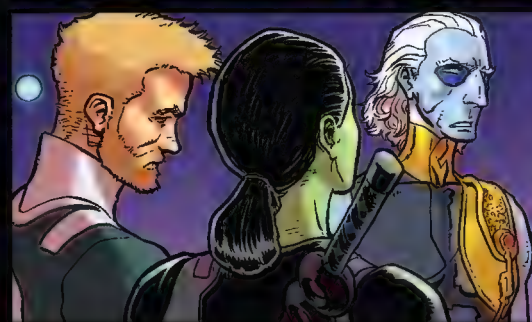


THE GARDENER IS...MISSING AS WELL. HE AND THE CONTEMPLATOR ARE OUR FAMILY'S MOST INTELLIGENT MEMBERS.

THEY GATHERED KNOWLEDGE... WHILE WE ENGAGED IN...



...MORE FRIVOLOUS PURSUITS.



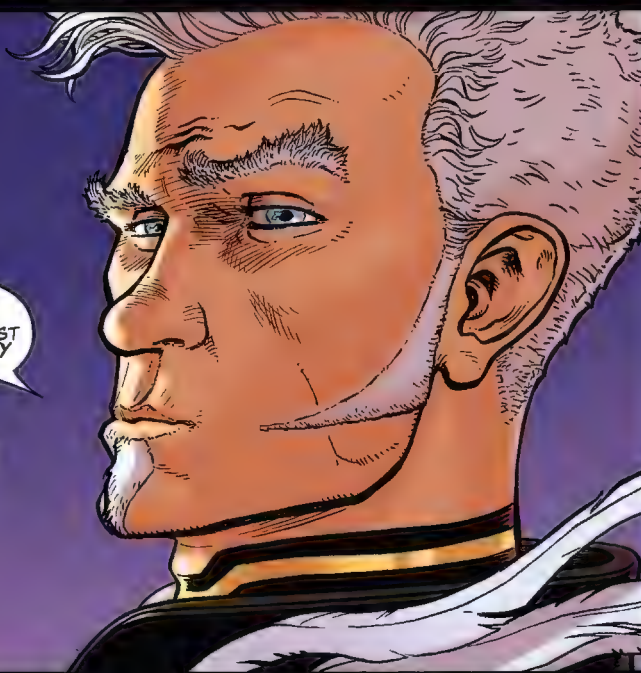
WE SHOULD SEND YOUR PLAYERS AWAY, AND YOU CAN TELL ME ALL ABOUT THE GARDENER.


OUR AFFAIR CONCERNS THEIR FAMILY, TOO.



AH. YOU KNOW ABOUT GAMORA'S QUEST FOR AN INFINITY STONE?

WELL, I DO NOW.





THE
INFINITY STONES
WILL BE CRITICAL
TO UNRAVELING HOW
AND WHY THIS
UNIVERSE WAS
ALTERED.

HOWEVER, IT
IS NOT GAMORA
THAT I WAS
REFERRING
TO...

...IT WAS
THE MINIATURE
FLORA
COLOSSUS.

I AM
GROOT?

GAMORA, YOU
ARE IN GOOD
COMPANY.

BUT
THERE ARE
MORE **SEEKERS**
THAN STONES TO
FIND, I'M
AFRAID.

THIS SPECIAL
LITTLE CREATURE
HAS BEEN **TOUCHED**
BY OUR BROTHER,
THE GARDENER,
HAVEN'T YOU?

I AM
GROOT!

WAIT--
WHAT?!

ARE YOU
SAYIN' YER
BROTHER IS
THE ONE THAT
ATTACKED
GROOT?

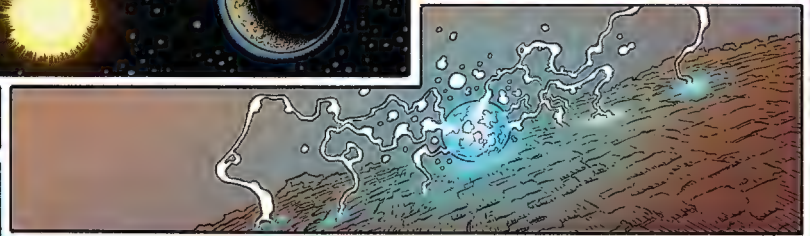
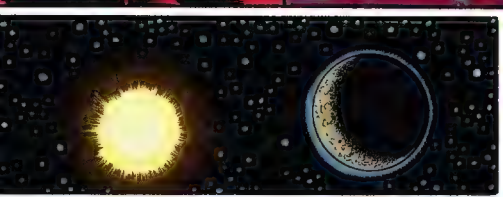


I KNOW NOT HOW, WHEN OR TO WHAT END, BUT YOUR FRIEND CARRIES SOME OF THE COSMIC POLLEN THAT ONLY THE GARDENER CARRIES WITH HIM.

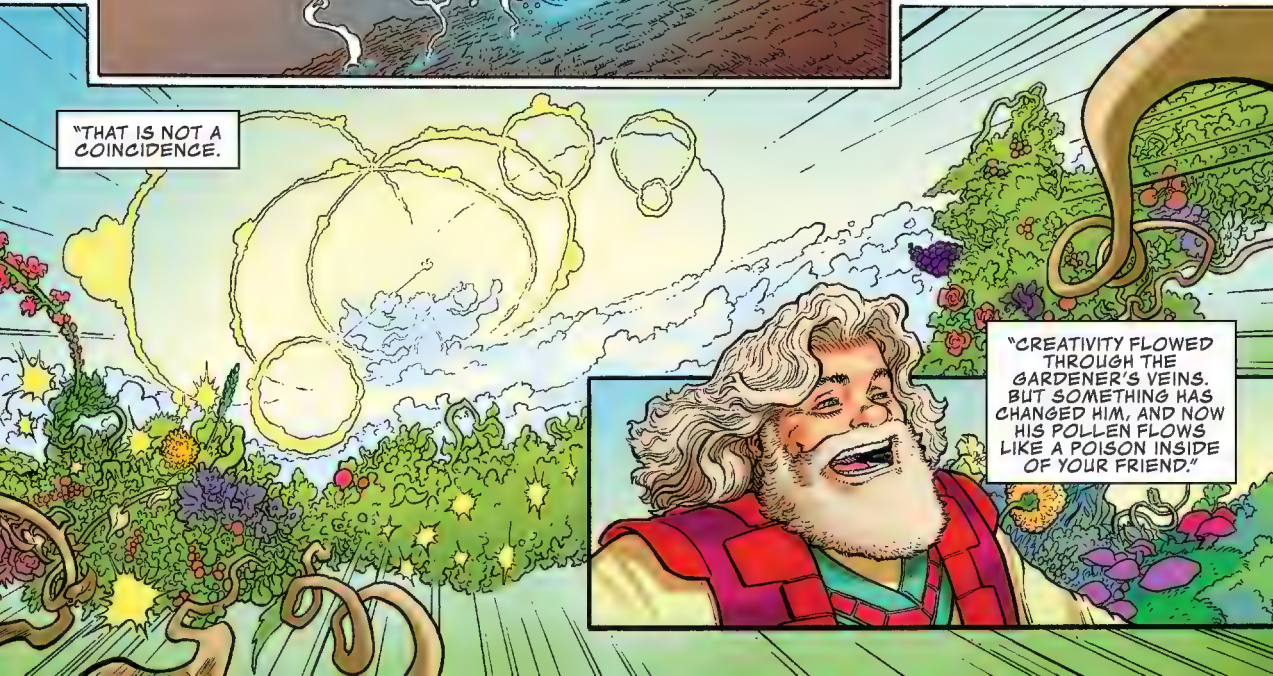
AS ELDERS OF THE UNIVERSE, OUR FAMILY BOND IS ONE NOT OF LINEAGE, BUT OF A SHARED POWER PRIMORDIAL.

WE WERE SPAWNED OF LIFE THAT CAME BEFORE, BUT... NOW THINGS ARE DIFFERENT. WE MAY BE LOSING OUR SEAT AT THE COSMIC TABLE.

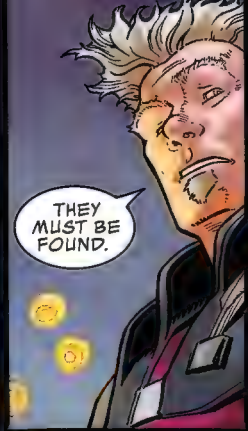
THE INFINITY STONES ARE MISSING, AND SO ARE SOME OF OUR FELLOW ELDERS.



"THAT IS NOT A COINCIDENCE."



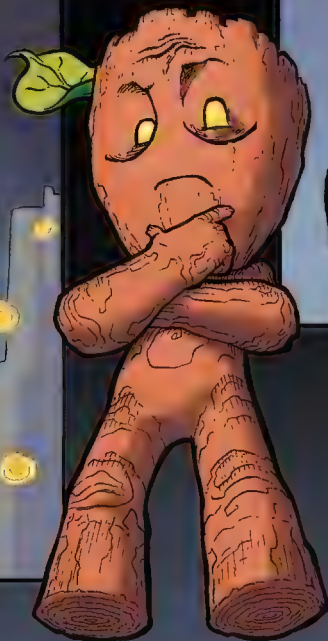
"CREATIVITY FLOWED THROUGH THE GARDENER'S VEINS. BUT SOMETHING HAS CHANGED HIM, AND NOW HIS POLLEN FLOWS LIKE A POISON INSIDE OF YOUR FRIEND."



THEY MUST BE FOUND.

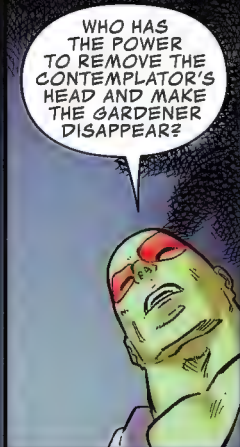


THE ELDERS.

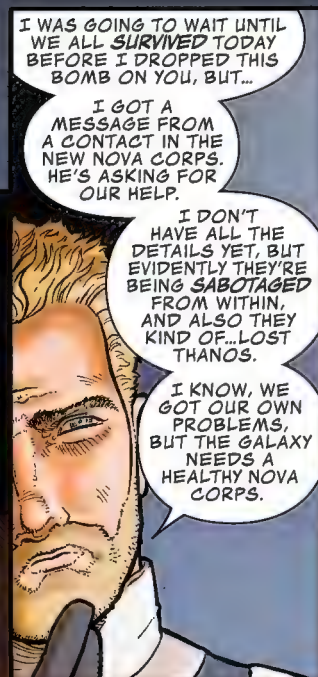


I AM GROOT.

AND THE STONES.



WHO HAS THE POWER TO REMOVE THE CONTEMPLATOR'S HEAD AND MAKE THE GARDENER DISAPPEAR?



I WAS GOING TO WAIT UNTIL WE ALL SURVIVED TODAY BEFORE I DROPPED THIS BOMB ON YOU, BUT...

I GOT A MESSAGE FROM A CONTACT IN THE NEW NOVA CORPS. HE'S ASKING FOR OUR HELP.

I DON'T HAVE ALL THE DETAILS YET, BUT EVIDENTLY THEY'RE BEING SABOTAGED FROM WITHIN, AND ALSO THEY KIND OF...LOST THANOS.

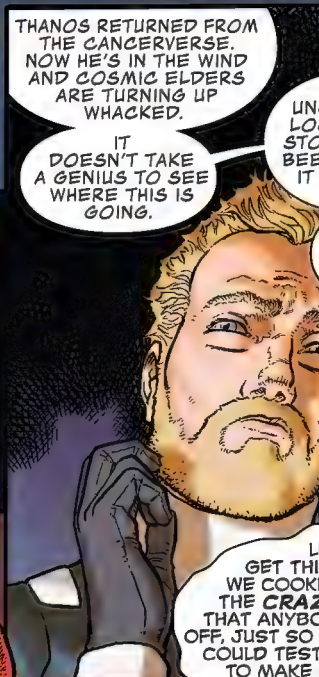
I KNOW, WE GOT OUR OWN PROBLEMS, BUT THE GALAXY NEEDS A HEALTHY NOVA CORPS.



THEN THERE IS THE MATTER OF THE SHI'AR TALON WITH MAR-VELL'S NEGA-BANDS.

I WOULD LIKE TO HELP THE CORPS.

THEY MAY HAVE INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THE SOUL STONE.



THANOS RETURNED FROM THE CANCERVERSE. NOW HE'S IN THE WIND AND COSMIC ELDERS ARE TURNING UP WHACKED.

IT DOESN'T TAKE A GENIUS TO SEE WHERE THIS IS GOING.

I'M UNCOMFORTABLE LOOKING FOR THE STONES. IF THEY'VE BEEN HIDDEN AWAY, IT MIGHT BE FOR THE BEST.

HELL, OUR FINDING THEM MIGHT BE EXACTLY WHAT THANOS WANTS.



LEMME GET THIS STRAIGHT! WE COOKED UP TWO OF THE CRAZIEST HEISTS THAT ANYBODY EVER PULLED OFF. JUST SO THE GRANDMASTER COULD TEST THE COLLECTOR TO MAKE SURE NOBODY HAD PUT A WHAMMY ON HIM?

I BETTER GET MY MONEY. AND YOU GUYS BETTER HOPE THE GARDENER WASN'T THE ONE THAT HURT GROOT--OR YOU'RE NOT GONNA HAVE TO BE DOING ANY GUESSIN' ABOUT WHOSE WASTIN' COSMIC ELDERLIES AND WHATNOT.







"THE STONES MUST
STILL EXIST--BECAUSE
WE STILL EXIST."

"OUR UNIVERSE IS A COMPLICATED
SIMULATION. ONE OF MANY, ALL
SIDE BY SIDE. EACH UNIVERSE IS
BUT A THREAD IN THE FABRIC OF A
SINGULAR TAPESTRY."

"THE INFINITY STONES ARE THE
REPRESENTATION OF WHAT YOU
WOULD CALL A 'COMPUTER
CODE.' WITH THE SOURCE
CODES, YOU CAN REPROGRAM
THE REALITY AROUND US. EVEN
TRAVERSE DIFFERENT REALITIES."

"THE SOUL STONE IS QUITE
UNIQUE AMONG THEM. IT IS
NOT JUST CODE, BUT IN FACT
WHAT YOU WOULD CALL A
'HARD DRIVE.' A VAST AND
POSSIBLY LIMITLESS STORAGE
DEVICE FOR INFORMATION."

"BUT WHAT HAPPENS TO
INFORMATION WHEN IT
PASSES THROUGH THE
SOUL STONE? THIS IS
THE QUESTION THAT
VEXES GAMORA."

IT'S...IT'S ALL
CONNECTED.



WE'RE ALL JUST INFORMATION. GAMORA IS SIMPLY ACCESSING MORE INFORMATION THAN MOST SOULS.

THAT WAS A TRIP.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER WE FIND THE STONES--WE GO RIGHT BACK TO THIS STANDOFF?

I THINK NOT. MY APPETITE FOR PHYSICAL ACQUISITIONS IS SATIATED.

I, TOO, WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED. WHAT SECRET HAS BEEN HIDDEN FROM US? AND WHY?

NOW I THIRST FOR KNOWLEDGE.

WHAT SAY YOU, GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY? THERE WOULD BE NO BETTER WAY TO FULFILL THAT DESTINY THAN PROTECT THE STONES.

I VOTE TO QUEST FOR THE STONES.

YOU KNOW WHERE I STAND.

I AM GROOT.

YES. FOR GAMORA. NOT FOR YOU GUYS.

YEAH, WHATEVER.

I GUESS IT'S UNANIMOUS.

ANY IDEA WHERE THE GARDENER WAS BEFORE THANOS CAUGHT UP WITH HIM?

NO, BUT YOU'RE SURE IT'S THANOS WHO MOVES AGAINST US?

THIS HAS HIS STINK ALL OVER IT...

"I'D BET MY
LIFE ON IT."

**NOT LONG AGO,
IN THE CRADLE OF A MARVELOUS GARDEN...**

WONDERFUL
WORK YOU'RE
DOING,
GARDENER.

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE, LOKI?

CAN'T
I JUST
APPRECIATE
ART?







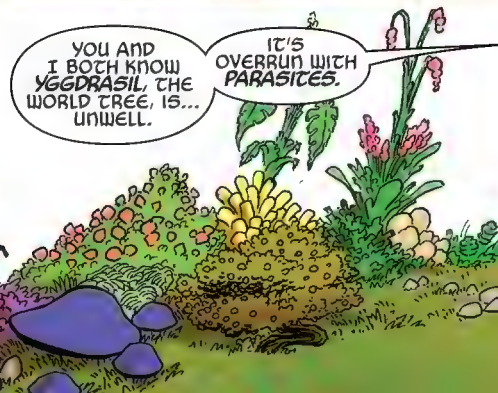
THEY
DESTROY
IT!

WHAT
HAVE YOU DONE?!
SHE WAS ONE
OF A KIND!

BETTER
FOR IT TO DIE
HERE QUICKLY AT MY
HAND THAN CHOKED IN
ONE OF THEIR ACIDIC
STORMS OR UNDER THE
GEARS OF THEIR
MACHINES.



WHO
DESTROYS
MY WORK?



YOU AND
I BOTH KNOW
YGGDRASIL, THE
WORLD TREE, IS...
UNWELL.

IT'S
OVERRUN WITH
PARASITES.



THE DISGUSTING
HUMANS ARE THE
WORST, BUT THEY'RE
HARDLY THE ONLY
OFFENDERS.

THE UNIVERSE
HAS A WAY OF
MAINTAINING BALANCE,
OF COURSE. BUT OUR
ECOSYSTEM IS OUT
OF BALANCE.



THERE ARE GUARDIANS WHO PROTECT THE CREATURES WHO DESTROY YOUR WORK. THE NATURAL ORDER OF THE UNIVERSE IS UNBALANCED.

IN FACT, THESE PROTECTORS HAVE TAKEN HOLD OF ONE OF YOUR GREATEST CREATIONS. THE LAST OF THE FLORA COLOSSI IS THEIR SLAVE.



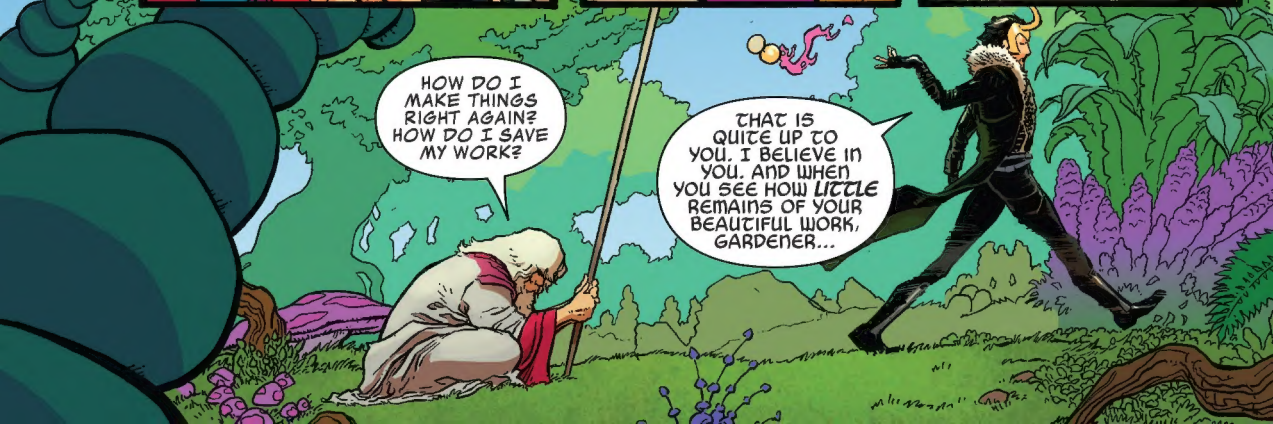
I COULD HELP YOU, IF YOU GIVE ME THAT SOUL STONE OF YOURS.



I DON'T HAVE IT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S BECOME OF IT.



DAMMIT, OLD MAN.



HOW DO I MAKE THINGS RIGHT AGAIN? HOW DO I SAVE MY WORK?

THAT IS QUITE UP TO YOU. I BELIEVE IN YOU. AND WHEN YOU SEE HOW LITTLE REMAINS OF YOUR BEAUTIFUL WORK, GARDENER...

"...YOU'LL THINK
OF SOMETHING."

I AM
GROWING!

THANK YOU,
LOKI.

I
THOUGHT OF
SOMETHING.

**THE QUEST FOR THE STONES HAS BEGUN!
THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES MONTHLY IN
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